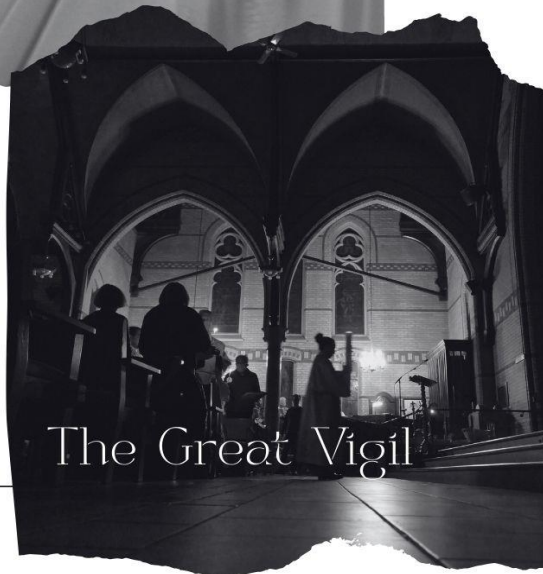

The Triduum



Maundy Thursday



Good Friday



The Great Vigil

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER!

We are in the heart of downtown Toronto, and we gather to celebrate on the traditional lands of the Wendat, Haudenosaunee, and Anishinaabe Nations, including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Our beautiful building connects us to the rich heritage of our city while also drawing us deeper into the roots of our Anglican tradition. Just as the streetscape around us has evolved over the years, our members have changed to reflect the growing, vibrant and progressive Christian community found at the Redeemer today. We come from a variety of faith traditions (and sometimes no faith tradition at all), and we like it that way. We are students, workers, retired, homeless, not limited by sexual orientation, gender identity or personal history. We are at the very beginning of our life with Jesus and we are deeply steeped in a life complicated by faith. We open our doors to worship God and to learn about Jesus, and how all of this might just transform our lives.

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WORSHIP WITH US HOLY WEEK

Friday April 18 (Good Friday)

12:00 PM - Solemn Good Friday with Veneration of the Cross,
and The Way to the Tomb

Saturday April 19

9:00 PM – The Great Vigil

Sunday April 20 (Easter Sunday)

9:00 AM – Worship on Zoom

10:30 AM – Holy Eucharist

All services held in the church building will also be livestreamed through YouTube

Mundy Thursday



Foot Washing, Holy Eucharist
and Vigil

Thursday, April 17, 2025 at 7:30 PM



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Land Acknowledgement

During Holy Week, we will begin the liturgy in silence. Therefore, all are encouraged to offer this prayer, acknowledging the lands on which we dwell, before the service begins.

As we enter the story of Holy Week, we remember our relationship with our Indigenous neighbours. We acknowledge with respect that we gather today in many sacred places, places that were homes to those who have been displaced. We recognize that our church dwells on the traditional lands of the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee and the Anishinaabe Nations, including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Gracious One, as we walk with Jesus on his journey through betrayal and denial, open our eyes to the ways in which we have betrayed and denied Indigenous peoples, that, by way of the resurrection, we may be agents of restoration and renewal. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Presider: Paige Souter

Entrance Hymn: #593 (Gather) "We Remember"

Please rise as you are able and sing

Refrain



The Refrain is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp). It consists of 16 measures. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes. The lyrics are: "We re - mem - ber how you loved us to your death, and still we cel - e - brate, for you are with us here; and we be - lieve that we will see you when you come in your glo - ry, Lord. We re - mem - ber, we cel - e - brate, we be - lieve."

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Verses



The Verses are written on a single staff in G major. They consist of 16 measures. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes. The lyrics are: "1. Here, a mil - lion wound - ed souls are
2. Now we re - cre - ate your love, we
3. Christ, the Fa - ther's great 'A - men' to
4. See the face of Christ re - vealed in
yearn - ing just to touch you and be healed.
bring the bread and wine to share a meal.
all the hopes and dreams of ev - 'ry heart.
ev - 'ry per - son stand - ing by your side.
Gath - er all your peo - ple, and hold them to your heart.
Sign of grace and mer - cy, the pres - ence of the Lord.
Peace be - yond all tell - ing, and free - dom from all fear.
Gift to one an - oth - er, and tem - ples of your love."

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✠ The Gathering of the Community

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Dear friends in Christ:
This is the day
that Christ the Lamb of God
gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.
This is the day
that Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.
This is the day
that Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet,
giving us an example that we should do to others as he has done to us.
This is the day
that Christ our God gave us a holy meal to remember him by,
the feast of the Eucharist.

The Collect of the Day

Priest: Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal
your Son established a new covenant for all people,
and in the washing of feet he showed us the dignity of service.
Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts,
feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

First Reading

Please be seated

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of

people who eat of it. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

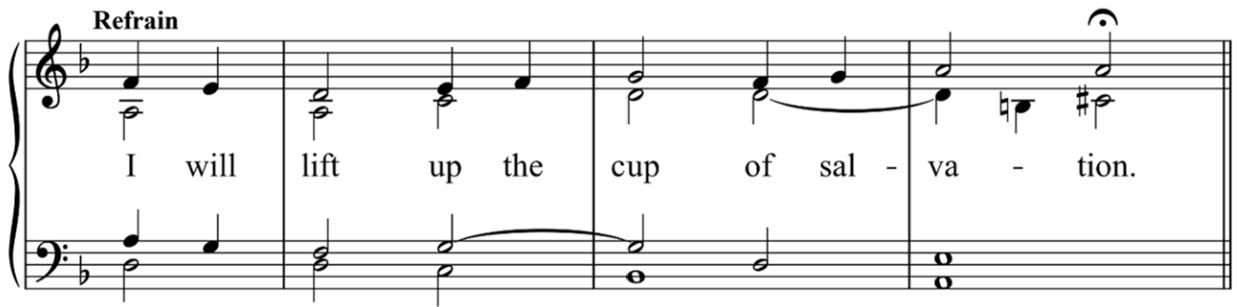
Reader: The word of the Lord.

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 116.1,10-17 (George Black)



I love you, O God,
because you have heard the voice of my supplication,
because you have inclined your ear to me
whenever I called upon you. **Refrain**

How shall I repay you, O God,
for all the good things you have done for me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call upon your name, O God. **Refrain**

I will fulfil my vows to you, O God,
in the presence of all your people.
Precious in your sight, O God,
is the death of your servants. **Refrain**

O God, I am your servant;
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.
I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon your name, O God. **Refrain**

I will fulfil my vows to you, O God,
in the presence of all your people.
In the courts of God's house,
in the midst of Jerusalem. **Refrain**

Second Reading

Reader: A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 11.23-26

All: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

Song: “If It Be Your Will” (*Leonard Cohen*)

Please rise as you are able

If it be your will
That I speak no more
And my voice be still
As it was before

I will speak no more
I shall abide until
I am spoken for
If it be your will

If it be your will
That a voice be true
From this broken hill
I will sing to you

From this broken hill
All your praises they shall ring
If it be your will
To let me sing
From this broken hill
All your praises they shall ring
If it be your will
To let me sing
If it be your will
If there is a choice
Let the rivers fill
Let the hills rejoice
Let your mercy spill
On all these burning hearts in hell
If it be your will
To make us well
And to draw us near
And bind us tight
All your children here
In their rags of light
In our rags of light
All dressed to kill
And end this night
If it be your will
If it be your will

The Gospel

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands,

and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord - and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

John 13.1-17, 31b-35

People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily: Steven Mackison

Please be seated

A moment of silence is observed

Foot Washing

Priest: Fellow servants of our Lord Jesus Christ,
on the night before his death,
Jesus set an example for his disciples by washing their feet,
an act of humble service.

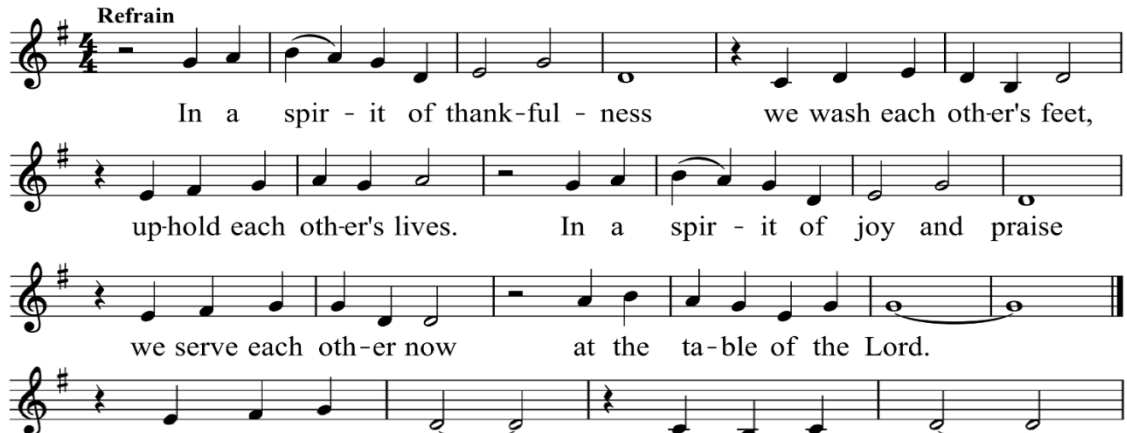
He taught that strength and growth in the life of the kingdom of God
come not by power, authority, or even miracle, but by such lowly service.

*All are invited to share in this act of humble servanthood as indicated by the Presider,
in the church or at home. During this time, we sing "Serving You"*

Hymn: #410 (Gather) "Serving You"

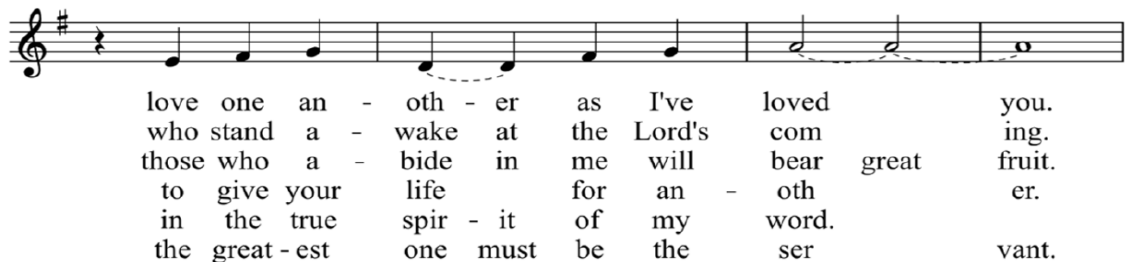
All sing

Refrain

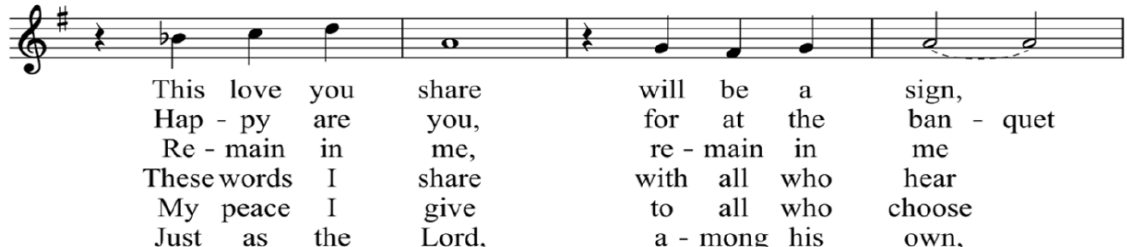


In a spir - it of thank - ful - ness we wash each oth - er's feet,
up - hold each oth - er's lives. In a spir - it of joy and praise
we serve each oth - er now at the ta - ble of the Lord.

1. A new com - mand I give to you:
2. Hap - py are you, the faith - ful ser - vants
3. I am the vine, you are the branch - es,
4. No great - er love than this, my friend,
5. My peace I leave with all who live
6. Al - ways re - mem - ber, a - mong your - selves,

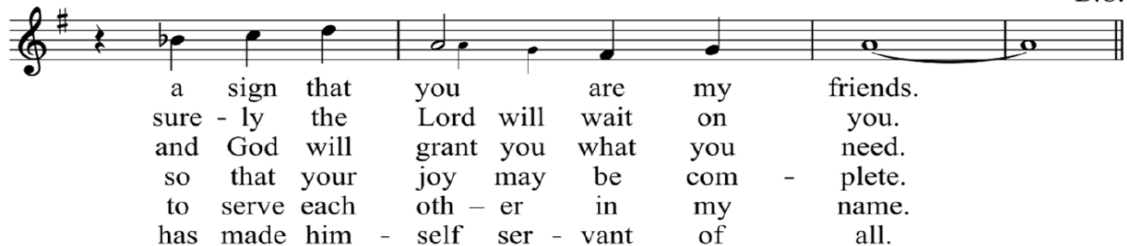


love one an - oth - er as I've loved you.
who stand a - wake at the Lord's com - ing.
those who a - bide in me will bear great fruit.
to give your life for an - oth - er.
in the true spir - it of my word.
the great - est one must be the ser - vant.



This love you share will be a sign,
Hap - py are you, for at the ban - quet
Re - main in me, re - main in me
These words I share with all who hear
My peace I give to all who choose
Just as the Lord, a - mong his own,

D.C.



a sign that you are my friends.
sure - ly the Lord will wait on you.
and God will grant you what you need.
so that your joy may be com - plete.
to serve each oth - er in my name.
has made him - self ser - vant of all.

Text : Michel Guimont, b.1950. Tune: Michel Guimont, b.1950. 1992, GIA Publications, Inc.

Concluding Prayer

Please rise as you are able

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers, sisters, and siblings
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Leader: In the power of the Spirit let us pray to God through Christ
the saviour of the world. O God, on this, the night he was betrayed,
your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples' feet.
We commit ourselves to follow his example of love and service.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers, silently or aloud.

Leader: Lord, hear us

All: and humble us.

Leader: On this night, he prayed for his disciples to be one.
We pray for the unity of your Church.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers, silently or aloud.

Leader: Lord, hear us

All: and unite us.

Leader: On this night, he prayed for those
who were to believe through his disciples' message.
We pray for the mission of your Church.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers, silently or aloud.

Leader: Lord, hear us

All: and renew our zeal.

Leader: On this night, he commanded his disciples to love,
but suffered rejection himself.
We pray for the rejected and unloved.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers, silently or aloud.

Leader: Lord, hear us
All: **and fill us with your love.**

Leader: On this night, he reminded his disciples that if the world hated them it hated him first. We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers, silently or aloud.

Leader: Lord, hear us
All: **and give us your peace.**

Leader: On this night, he accepted the cup of death and looked forward to the new wine of the kingdom. We remember those who have died in the peace of Christ.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers, silently or aloud.

Leader: Lord, hear us
All: **and welcome all your children into paradise.**

Leader: Gracious God, on this night we give you thanks as we offer these prayers through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who is poured out in death for our sakes, and will rise in glory to make all things new.

All: **Amen.**

The Peace

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**



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Preparation of the Gifts: #622 (Gather) “Love Divine”

All sing

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n to
2. Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, Let us all your
3. Fin - ish then your new cre - a - tion, Pure and spot - less,

earth come down! Fix in us your hum - ble dwell - ing, All your
life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re - turn and nev - er, Nev - er
gra - cious Lord, Let us see your great sal - va - tion Per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, source of all com - pas - sion,
more your tem - ples leave. You, we would be al - ways bless - ing,
ly in you re - stored. Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

Love un - bound - ed, love all pure; Vis - it us with
Serve you as your hosts a - bove, Pray, and praise you
Till in heav'n we take our place, Till we sing be -

your sal - va - tion, Let your love in us en - dure.
with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in your pre - cious love.
fore the al - might - y Lost in won - der, love and praise.

Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Tune: HYFRYDOL. Rowland H. Prichard (1811-1887)

✠ The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: God of glory,
may our worship this day fix the eyes of our faith on Jesus,
the pioneer and perfecter of our new humanity,
who is seated at the right hand of your throne, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. **And al-so with you.**



Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

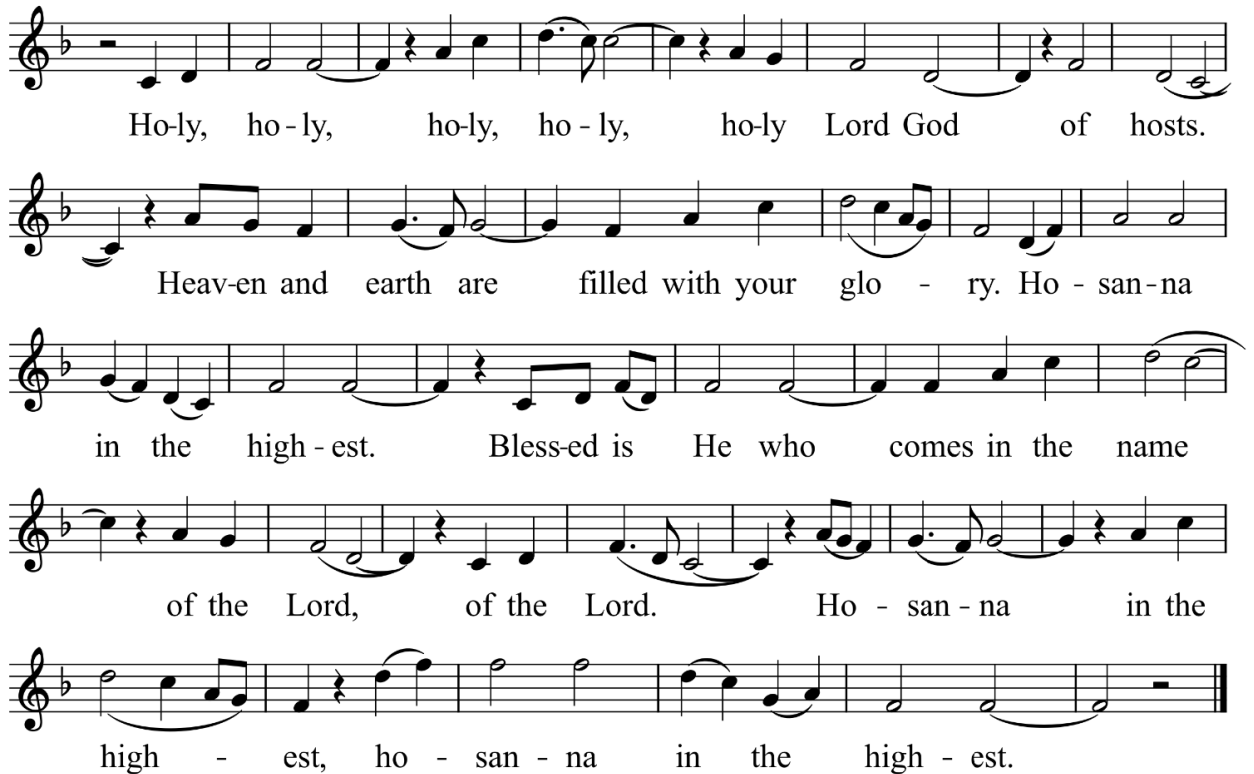
Priest: It is right to glorify you, Father,
and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true,
dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness,
you made all things and fill them with your blessing;
you created them to rejoice in the splendour of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you
to serve you night and day,
and, beholding your presence,
they offer you unceasing praise.

Joining with them,
and giving voice to every creature under heaven,
we acclaim you, and glorify you name, as we sing:

Sanctus



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of hosts.
Heav-en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san-na
in the high - est. Bless-ed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord, of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Priest: We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power; your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation. Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Saviour. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfil your purpose he gave himself up to death and, rising from the grave, destroyed death and made the whole creation new.

And that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfilment the sanctification of all. When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end: at supper with them, on this very night, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Father, we now celebrate the memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

***All:* We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Priest: Father, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and this cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ to the praise of your name. Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. And grant that we may find our inheritance with the blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and all the saints who have found favour with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

***All:* Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Priest:

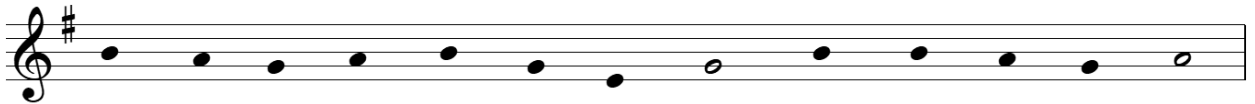
People:



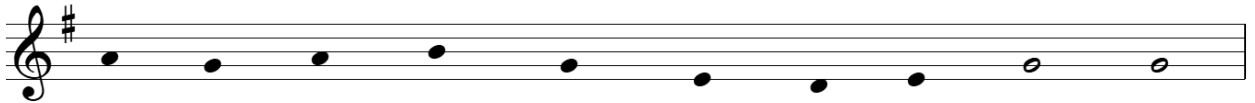
As our Sa-viour taught us let us pray. Our Fa-ther in heav-en hal-lowed be your name,



your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.



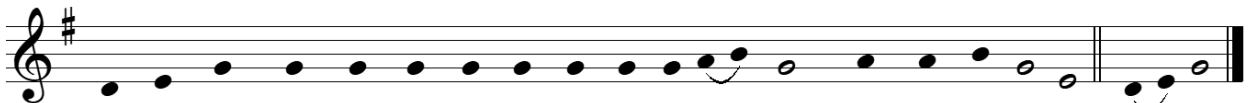
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins



as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



Save us from the time of trial and de - liv - er us from e - vil.



For the king-dom, the pow-er, and the glo-ry are yours, now and for ev-er. A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

Priest: Living Bread, broken for the life of the world:

People: **Sustain us on our way to your glory.**

Priest: Fruit of the true Vine, poured out for us and for many:

People: **Be now the wine that gladdens our hearts.**

Priest: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Fraction Hymn: “Do this in remembrance of me” *(Glenn Burleigh)*

Do this in remembrance of me. I hung on a tree for thee, do this in remembrance of me.
Eat this in remembrance of me. I hung on a tree for thee, eat this in remembrance of me.
Drink this in remembrance of me. I hung on a tree for thee, drink this in remembrance of me.

The Giving and Receiving of Communion

Priest: Dear friends,
I invite you in this moment, wherever you may be,
to receive Christ, in communion with the saints,
and the gathering of God’s people,
unseen and yet present with us now.

*For those of us participating at home, it is a strange experience to be invited to Communion
– not through the physical bread and wine we can touch and taste –
but a Spiritual Communion with the God who comes to meet us wherever we are.*

*There are no special words or prayers for this, all the Church has ever thought necessary is genuine true
desire, lively faith, and genuine love. Come honestly before God the way you know how.
You may wish to pray quietly this prayer to help you:*

One: Lord, you stand at the door of my heart and knock.
You wait for me and only I can let you in.
I believe and trust in you and ask you now to fill me with your presence.
Feed me with your body and unite me in your blood,
that I may be your blessing to a world in need. Amen.

The Communion



*All in the church are invited to come forward to receive communion.
If you need a gluten-free wafer, please indicate this to the communion minister.*

*If you would like to receive a blessing rather than communion, please cross
your arms as shown in the picture and the clergy will be pleased to offer you a blessing.*

*Intinction is the practice of dipping the bread or wafer into the wine when receiving communion.
This practice is not allowed in churches in the Diocese of Toronto,
including the Church of the Redeemer, for health and safety reasons.*

Communion Hymn: #184 (Common Praise) “My Song is Love Unknown”

All sing



1. My song is love un - known, my Sav - iour's love to
 2. He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be -
 3. Some - times they strew his way, and his sweet prais - es
 4. Why, what has my Lord done? What makes this rage and
 5. They rise and needs will have my dear Lord made a -
 6. Here might I stay and sing, no sto - ry so di -



me; love to the love - less shown, that they might
 stow; but all made strange, and none the longed - for
 sing, re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas
 spite? He made the lame to run, he gave the
 way; a mur - der - er they save, the prince of
 vine; nev - er was love, dear King, nev - er was



love - ly be. O who am I, that
 Christ would know; but O my friend, my
 to their King; then "Cru - ci - fy!" is
 blind their sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet
 life they slay. Yet cheer - ful he to
 grief like thine! This is my friend, in



for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
 friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend!
 all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.
 they at these them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise.
 suf - fering goes, that he his foes from thence might free.
 whose sweet praise I all my days could glad - ly spend.

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Motet: “A New Commandment” (Thomas Tallis)

A new commandment give I unto you, saith the Lord,
 that ye love together, as I have loved you, that e'en so ye love one another.
 By this shall every one know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

Prayer after Communion

Please rise as you are able

Priest: Holy God,

All: source of all love, on the night of his betrayal
Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment,
to love one another as he loved them.

Write this commandment in our hearts;
give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all,
who gave his life and died for us, yet is alive and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

✠ Ceremonial Stripping of the Altar

Please be seated

The priests and members of the community prepare for the stripping of the church and altar

Song: #411 (Gather) “Stay Here and Keep Watch”

All sing

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) in a two-part setting. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and common time (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first system covers the first line of the song, and the second system covers the second line. Both systems end with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Stay here and keep watch with me. The hour has come.

Stay here and keep watch with me. Watch and pray.

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The lights are dimmed. A solemn bell is tolled. Candles and the reserved sacrament are placed in the midst of the community, calling us to prayer.

Vigil

All are invited into this time of prayer, to be still, to pray with Jesus.

For those gathered at home, you are invited to light a candle.

After an hour, we will close with a prayer.

All are then invited to depart in silence.

And so begins the Christian Passover: the angel of death visiting by night to claim the firstborn of the Father; the Lamb of God, who in dying makes himself available to nourish us for ever; and the People of God readying themselves to pass through the Baptismal Sea from death to life. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

This place is given over for prayer for one hour at the close of this liturgy. Those who cannot stay are asked to please respect the need for deep silence on the part of those who can.

The Vigil—This very night, the night of his arrest, Jesus took Peter, James, and John into the Garden of Gethsemane, and asked them to watch with him while he prayed. They, however, kept falling asleep. This prompted Jesus' injured rebuke, "What? Could you not watch with me one hour?" Tonight, Christians everywhere will try to do what Jesus asked of his friends in Gethsemane, by spending an hour in prayer. We will place the most holy Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood, consecrated this evening and reserved for Holy Communion tomorrow, in the midst of the community. The Sacrament will be covered with a linen cloth and surrounded by candles, calling us to prayer.

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Good Friday



Veneration of the Cross, Reserved Sacrament
The Way to the Tomb
Friday, April 18, 2025 at 12 PM



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Land Acknowledgement

During Holy Week, we will begin the liturgy in silence. Therefore, all are encouraged to offer this prayer, acknowledging the lands on which we dwell, before the service begins.

As we enter the story of Holy Week, we remember our relationship with our Indigenous neighbours. We acknowledge with respect that we gather today in many sacred places, places that were homes to those who have been displaced. We recognize that our church dwells on the traditional lands of the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee and the Anishinaabe Nations, including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Gracious One, as we walk with Jesus on his journey through betrayal and denial, open our eyes to the ways in which we have betrayed and denied Indigenous peoples, that, by way of the resurrection, we may be agents of restoration and renewal. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Offertory — If you would like to make a monetary donation to support the ministry of Church of the Redeemer, we invite you to place your gift in the offering plate that sits on the offertory table at the back of the worship space or scan the QR code to go to our online donations page. Thank you for joining us today.



Gathering Song: The Cross *(Prince Rogers Nelson)*

Please rise as you are able

Black day, stormy night
No love, no hope in sight
Don't cry, He is coming
Don't die without knowing the cross

Ghettos to the left of us
Flowers to the right
There'll be bread for all of us
If we can just bear the cross

Sweet song of salvation
A pregnant mother sings
She lives in starvation
Her children need all that she brings

We all have our problems
Some big, some are small
Soon all of our problems
Will be taken by the cross

Black day, stormy night
No love, no hope in sight
Don't cry for He's coming
Don't die without knowing the cross

Ghettos to the left of us
Flowers to the right
There'll be bread for all, y'all
If we can just, just bear the cross, yeah

We all have our own problems
Some are big, some are small
Soon all of our problems, y'all
Will be taken by the cross

✠ The Ministry of the Word

Priest: All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,

People: **And the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

Priest: Christ the Lord became obedient unto death,

People: **Even death on a cross.**

Priest: Almighty God,

All: **our heavenly Father,**

we have sinned in thought and word and deed;

we have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

We pray you of your mercy, forgive us all that is past,

and grant that we may serve you in newness of life

to the glory of your name. Amen.

Priest: Let us pray.
Eternal God, in the cross of Jesus
we see the cost of our sin and the depth of your love:
in humble hope and fear
may we place at his feet all that we have and all that we are,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

First Reading

Please be seated

Reader: A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. Just as there were many who were astonished at him - so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals - so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper.

Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Isaiah 52.13-53.12

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 22 (*George Black*)



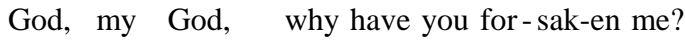
God, my God, why have you for-sak-en me?

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?
O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer;
by night as well, but I find no rest. **Refrain**

Yet you are the Holy One,
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
Our forebears put their trust in you;
they trusted, and you delivered them.
They cried out to you and were delivered;
they trusted in you and were not put to shame. **Refrain**

But as for me, I am a worm and worthless, scorned by all and despised by the people.
All who see me laugh me to scorn; they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
"You trusted in God; let God deliver you,
rescue you, and show delight in you." **Refrain**

Yet you O God, are the one who took me from the womb,
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb. **Refrain**

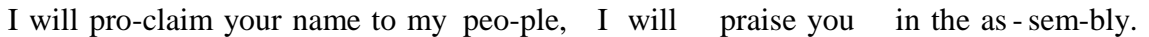


They open wide their jaws at me, like a ravening and a roaring lion. **Refrain**

My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave. **Refrain**

They stare and gloat over me; they divide my garments among them;
they cast lots for my clothing. **Refrain**

Save me from the lion's mouth,
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls. **Refrain**



For you, O God, do not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither is your face hidden from them;
but when they cry to you, you hear them. **Refrain**



I will pro-claim your name to my peo-ple, I will praise you in the as - sem-bly.

My praise is of you in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship you.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

and those who seek you shall praise you:

"May your heart live for ever!" **Refrain**

O God, all the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to you,

and all the families of the nations shall bow before you.

For sovereignty belongs to you, O God; you rule over the nations.

To you alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;

all who go down to the dust fall before you. **Refrain**

My soul shall live for you;

my descendants shall serve you;

they shall be known as yours for ever.

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn

the saving deeds that you have done. **Refrain**

The Second Reading

Reader: A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds”, he also adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Hebrews 10.16-25
A moment of silence is observed

Sequence Hymn: #420 (Gather) vv 1,2,3,6 “Behold the Wood”

All sing

Refrain



Be - hold, be - hold the wood of the cross, on which is
hung our sal - va - tion. O come, let us a - dore.

1. Un - less a grain of wheat shall fall up -
2. And when my hour of glo - ry comes as
3. For there can be no great - er love
6. My bod - y now is torn with pain, my

on the ground and die, it shall re - main but a
all was meant to be, ' you shall see me
shown up - on this land than in the one who
friends have left and gone. O lov - ing Fa - ther,

sin - gle grain and not give life.
lift - ed up on a tree.
came to die that we might live.
take my life in - to your hands.

D.C.

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Jesus Prays/Betrayal and Arrest*Luke 22.39-53***Chorale: “Ah, holy Jesus”**

Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed, that
we to judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.

Peter Denies Jesus*Luke 22.54-62***Chorale: “Peter, in forgetfulness”**

Pe - ter in for - get - ful - ness thrice de - nied his mas - ter;
One look moved him to con - fess, Weep - ing, his dis - as - ter.
Jes - su, turn to look on me; who per - sist in sin - ning;
set my fet - tered conscience free, free for new be - gin - ning.

Jesus before Council

Luke 22.63-71

Chorale: “Who was it, Lord?”

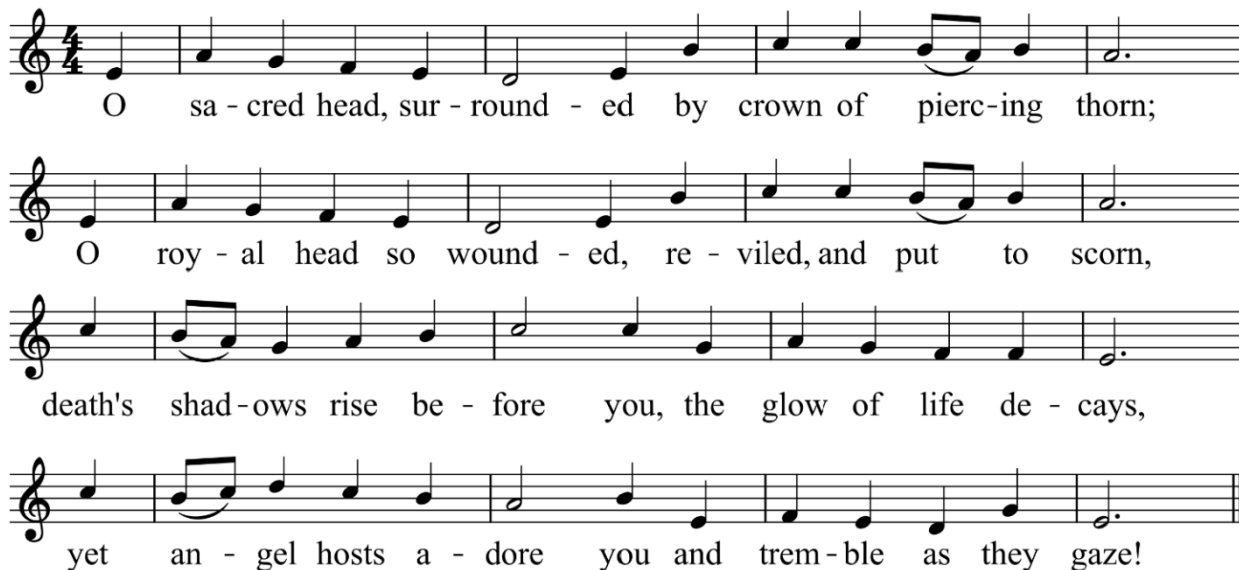


Who was it Lord did smite thee, thy good with ill re - quite thee, so
foul - ly trea - ted thee? For thou wert no of - fen - der, nor
didst to sin sur - ren - der; from ev - il thou wert ev - er free.

Jesus before Pilate and Herod

Luke 23.1-12

Chorale: “O sacred head”

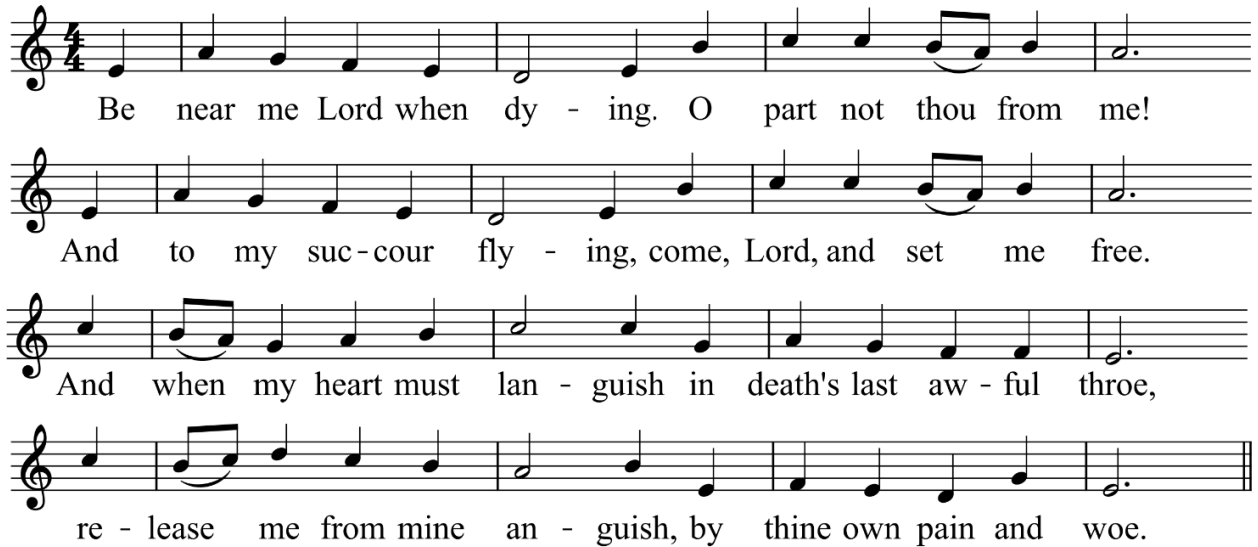


O sa - cred head, sur - round - ed by crown of pierc - ing thorn;
O roy - al head so wound - ed, re - viled, and put to scorn,
death's shad - ows rise be - fore you, the glow of life de - cays,
yet an - gel hosts a - dore you and trem - ble as they gaze!

Jesus is Sentenced, The Crucifixion

Luke 23.13-43

Chorale: “Be near me Lord”



Be near me Lord when dy - ing. O part not thou from me!
And to my suc - cour fly - ing, come, Lord, and set me free.
And when my heart must lan - guish in death's last aw - ful throe,
re - lease me from mine an - guish, by thine own pain and woe.

The Death and Burial

Luke 23.44-56

Chorale:

Komm, o Tod, du Schlafes Bruder,
Komm und führe mich nur fort;
Löse meines Schiffleins Ruder,
Bringe mich an sichern Port!
Es mag, wer da will, dich scheuen,
Du kannst mich vielmehr erfreuen;
Denn durch dich komm ich herein
Zu dem schönsten Jesulein.

*Come, O death, you brother of sleep,
come and lead me away from here;
release my little ship's rudder,
bring me to a safe harbour!
Those who will can shun you
you can gladden me much more
since through you I shall come
To my most precious dear Jesus.*

Homily: Paige Souter

Please be seated

The Prayers of the People

Please rise as you are able

Leader: God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Therefore we pray to our heavenly Father, for people everywhere according to their needs. Gracious God, by your Spirit the whole body of the church is knit together and made holy. Uphold your faithful people in the ministry to which you have called us, that we may serve you in holiness and truth.

Silence is kept.

Leader: O Lord, hear our prayer.

All: **Kyrie eleison.**

Leader: God of peace, through your reconciling love, you draw all people to yourself. Guide all nations and leaders to be bearers of your peace.

Silence is kept.

Leader: O Lord, hear our prayer.

All: **Kyrie eleison.**

Leader: Crucified Saviour, you knew pain; you knew the loneliness, the weakness and the despair it brings. Bring healing to all who suffer illness in body, mind or spirit.

Silence is kept.

Leader: O Lord, hear our prayer.

All: **Kyrie eleison.**

Leader: God of compassion, we remember the grief of those who stood at the cross. We commend to you those who have died, and those who grieve their loss. Lead us beyond our fear of death to the joyful knowledge of eternal life.

Silence is kept.

Leader: O Lord, hear our prayer.

All: **Kyrie eleison.**

Leader: God our beginning and our end, give us the grace to live a holy life. Give us courage each day to offer all that we have and all that we are, as we make our way home to you.

Silence is kept.

Leader: O Lord, hear our prayer.

All: **Kyrie eleison.**

The Lord's Prayer

Priest: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

All: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Hymn: #201 (Common Praise) "People Draw Near to God in Their Distress"

All sing

1. Peo - ple draw near to God in their dis - tress,
2. Peo - ple draw near when they see God's dis - tress:
3. And God draws near to peo - ple in dis - tress,
plead - ing for help and beg - ging peace and bread,
find God re - ject - ed, home - less, with - out bread,
feed - ing their souls and bod - ies with his bread;
res - cue from guilt and sick - ness, near - ly dead.
bur - dened with sin and weak - ness, near - ly dead.
Chris - tian or not, for both he's hang - ing dead,
Chris - tian or not, all come in help - less - ness.
Chris - tians reach out to meet God's wretch - ed - ness.
for - giv - ing, from the cross, their wick - ed - ness.

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Meditation on the Cross and Holy Communion

All remain standing while a wooden Cross is unveiled. The Priest says three times:

Priest: The Cross of Christ.

People: The cross on which the Saviour of the world was hung.

*All gathered are, each in their own way, invited into a time of personal devotion.
Those in the church building who wish to receive Communion consecrated last evening,
please come to one of the communion stations.*

*For those of us participating at home, you may make a Spiritual Communion.
There are no special words or prayers for this, all the Church has ever thought necessary is genuine true
desire, lively faith, and genuine love. Come honestly before God the way you know how.
You may wish to pray quietly this prayer to help you:*

One: Lord, you stand at the door of my heart and knock.
You wait for me and only I can let you in.
I believe and trust in you and ask you now to fill me with your presence.
Feed me with your body and unite me in your blood,
that I may be your blessing to a world in need. Amen.

Song: In manus tuas

In ma-nus tu - as, Pa - ter, com - men-do spi-ri-tum me - um, in
ma-nus tu - as Pa - ter, com - men - do spi-ri-tum me - um. In

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Motet: Tavaszeesti dal *(Bence Kitrik)*

Look at the blue sky, it starts to darken suddenly
And soon the world is asleep.
You distant evenings, old desires,
I dream of you and the past is so deep

Oh, let the hope stay alive in your heart
Let the music flow out and reach the dark sky.
The roaming souls dream of shiny bright stars.

Look at the blue sky, it starts to darken suddenly
And soon the world is asleep.
You distant evenings, old desires,
I'm dreaming of the past; oh, but it's deep.

Oh, let the hope stay alive in your heart
Let the music flow out and reach the dark sky.
The moon above is healing your scars.
The roaming souls dream of shiny bright stars.

Sing holy songs, oh,
Infinite evening!

The Concluding Prayers

Please rise as you are able

Priest: Grieving God,
on the cross your Son embraced death even as he had embraced life:
faithfully and with good courage.
Grant that we who have been born out of his wounded side
may hold fast to our faith in him exalted
and may find mercy in all times of need.
Lord, hear my prayer.

***All:* O Lord, hear my prayer.**

Priest: O Holy and Immortal One,
hear us as we pray through Jesus, our high priest:
heal all our divisions, reconcile all who are estranged, console all who suffer,
and finally raise up to new life
all that is bound by death.
Lord, hear my prayer.

***All:* O Lord, hear my prayer.**

Priest: Christ our God,
your love is poured out in death for our sakes:
Hold us in your embrace as we wait for Easter's dawn.
Comfort us with the promise that no power on earth,
not even death itself, can separate us from your love;
and strengthen us to wait
until you are revealed to us in all your risen glory.
Lord, hear my prayer.

***All:* O Lord, hear my prayer.**

***All:* O God of peace,
who has taught us
that in returning and rest we shall be saved,
in quietness and in confidence shall be our strength:
By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence,
where we may be still and know that you are God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Departing Hymn: #192 (Common Praise) “Were You There”

All sing



1. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my
2. Were you there when they nailed him to the
3. Were you ther when they pierced him in the
4. Were you there when the sun re - fused to



Lord? Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
tree? Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
side? Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
shine? Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?



Oh! Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,
Oh! Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,
Oh! Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,
Oh! Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,



trem-ble: were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
trem-ble: were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
trem-ble: were you there when they pierced him in the side?
trem-ble: were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?

Text: African-American spiritual. Music: WERE YOU THERE. Melody African-American spiritual; harm. C. Winfred Douglas (1867-1944).



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The Way to the Tomb

Officiant: Paige Souter

Three staves of musical notation in treble clef, common time (C). The melody is simple, using quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Kneel-ing in the gar - den grass, Je - sus groans a - gainst his death,
Let this cup of sor - row pass, While he prays in that same breath:
Not my will but yours be done.

Opening Devotion

Officiant: Jesus said, “When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to myself.”

People: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Collect

Officiant: Lord Jesus Christ, who for us endured the pain of the Cross and the mockery of the crowd, bless us as we follow in your way. Unify the sufferings of our lives with your Passion, that they may bear fruit for our souls in ever deeper kindness and ever richer humanity, that through them we may be empowered to show the world something of your love and gentleness, for the sake of your glorious name, O Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Station 1: Jesus is condemned to die

Reader: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

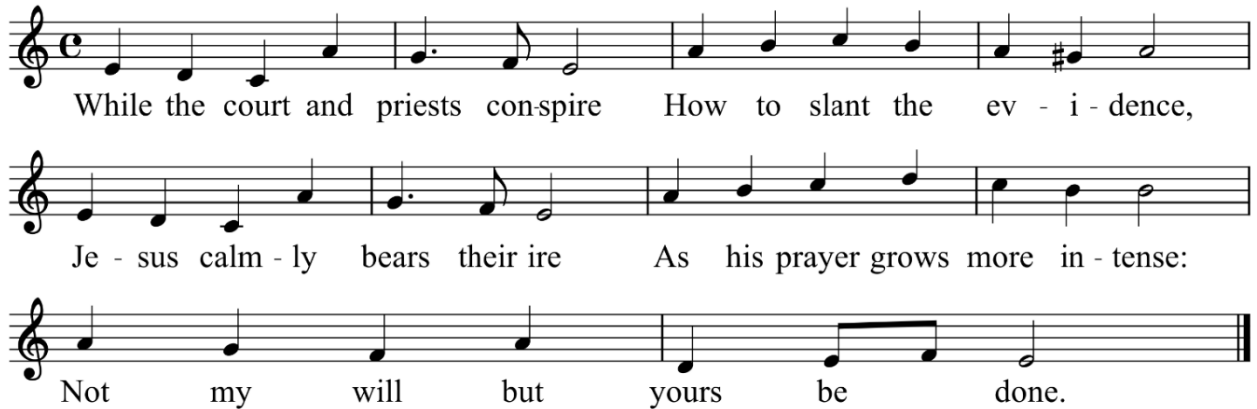
People: Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Silence

Reader: As soon as it was morning, the chief priests, with the elders and scribes, and the whole council, held a consultation; and they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him to Pilate. And they all condemned him and said, “He deserves to die.” When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha. Then he handed Jesus over to them to be crucified.

The station icon is processed to the tomb.

All sing



Officiant: Let us pray.

Silence

Officiant: Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified. Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way to the tomb, may find it none other than the way of life and peace, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

Station 2: Jesus takes up his cross

Reader: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

People: **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Silence

Reader: Jesus went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgatha. Like a lamb he was led to the slaughter; and like a sheep that before its shearers is mute, so he opened not his mouth.

The station icon is processed to the tomb.

All sing

When the mas-sive cross of wood Bends and bruises Je-sus' frame,
Hear him seek eter-nal good As he prays in Heav-en's name:
Not my will but yours be done.

Officiant: Let us pray.

Silence

Officiant: Lord, we want to take up our own cross and follow you. We meet you in the joys and sorrows of each day. We meet you in the members of the Common Table, who seek sustenance and wholeness, to be seen and known as your beloved. Grant that we may be constant companions with you that we might take up the way of the cross, pointing others to your justice and mercy and love. **Amen.**

A candle at the tomb is extinguished.

Station 3: Jesus falls

Reader: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

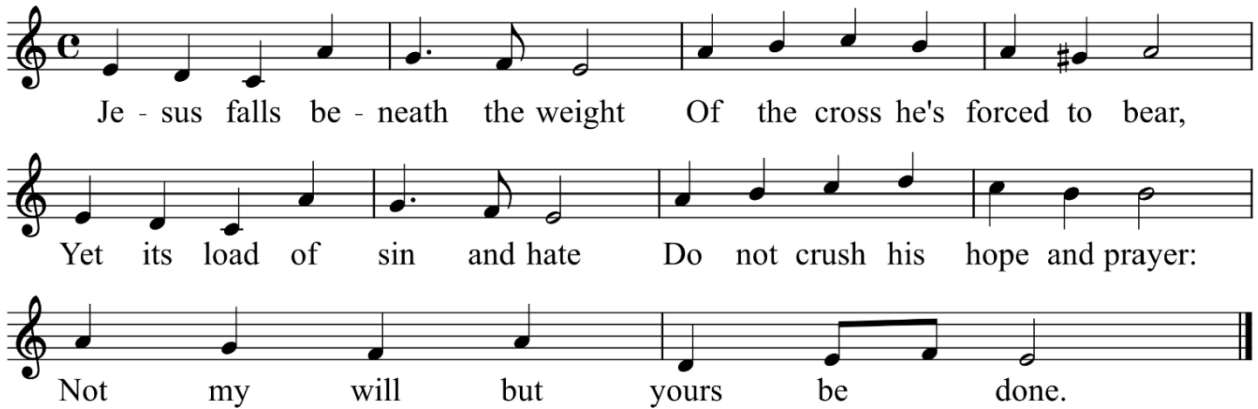
People: **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Silence

Reader: Jesus was despised and rejected. He was a man of sorrows who knew the deepest of grief. Those around him turned their backs on him. Under the weight of the cross, Jesus falls. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not cry out for help, but found the strength to stand and to carry on.

The station icon is processed to the tomb.

All sing



Je - sus falls be - neath the weight Of the cross he's forced to bear,
Yet its load of sin and hate Do not crush his hope and prayer:
Not my will but yours be done.

Officiant: Let us pray.

Silence

Officiant: God of Mercy, hear our prayer for all who live with painful experiences of struggle and discrimination, especially our LGBTQ siblings, their families and those they care for. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of your son Jesus Christ in helping to build a world of equality, inclusion, understanding and love. **Amen.**

A candle at the tomb is extinguished.

Station 4: Jesus is helped by Simon of Cyrene

Reader: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

People: **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Silence

Reader: As they led Jesus away, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross to carry it behind Jesus. "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

The station icon is processed to the tomb.

All sing



The musical score consists of three staves of music in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature (C). The melody is written on a five-line staff. The lyrics 'We with Si - mon of Cy-rene help the Sav - iour bear the cross.' are written below the first staff. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics 'Step by step we slow - ly glean what true faith and prayer will cost:'. The third staff concludes the phrase with the lyrics 'Not my will but yours be done.' and ends with a double bar line.

We with Si - mon of Cy-rene help the Sav - iour bear the cross.

Step by step we slow - ly glean what true faith and prayer will cost:

Not my will but yours be done.

Officiant: Let us pray.

Silence

Officiant: Creator of the universe, as Simon of Cyrene came to the aid of Jesus as he struggled to carry the cross, give to **us** the willingness and the courage to take up the cross of the present suffering of our beloved Earth. Move us to act to relieve the burden we have placed on our planetary home. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, the source of our vision and our strength. **Amen.**

A candle at the tomb is extinguished.

Station 5: Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem

Reader: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

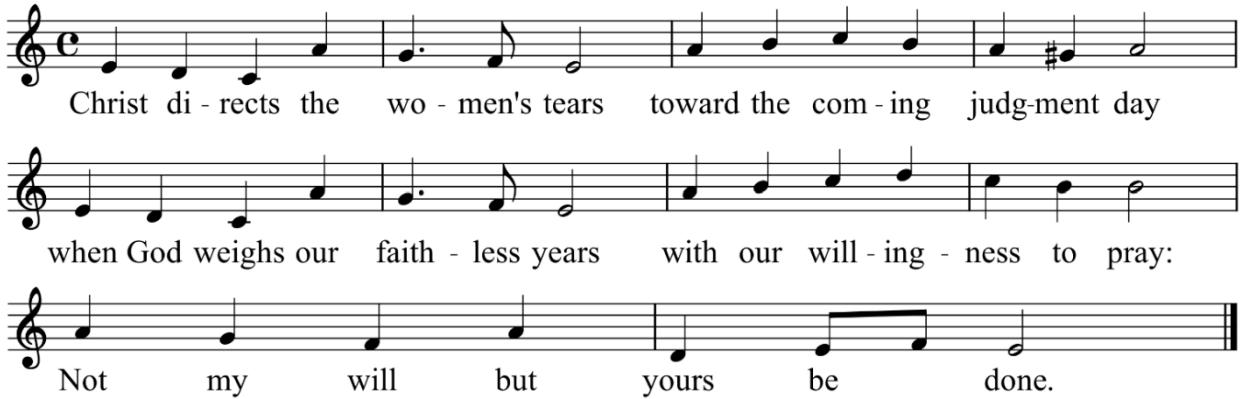
People: **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Silence

Reader: A great multitude of the people followed Jesus as he carried the cross, and among them were women who bewailed and lamented him. But Jesus turning to them said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.”

The station icon is processed to the tomb.

All sing



Christ di - rects the wo - men's tears toward the com - ing judg - ment day
when God weighs our faith - less years with our will - ing - ness to pray:
Not my will but yours be done.

Officiant: Let us pray.

Silence

Officiant: Most loving God, whose compassionate Son forgot himself and his suffering to devote his care and attention to the plight of others, help us likewise to put aside our own concerns so that we may devote ourselves to improving the lives of refugees and other vulnerable people of the world and make possible a future more free of weeping for them and for their children and for their children's children. **Amen.**

A candle at the tomb is extinguished.

Station 6: Jesus is nailed to the cross and dies

Reader: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

People: **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

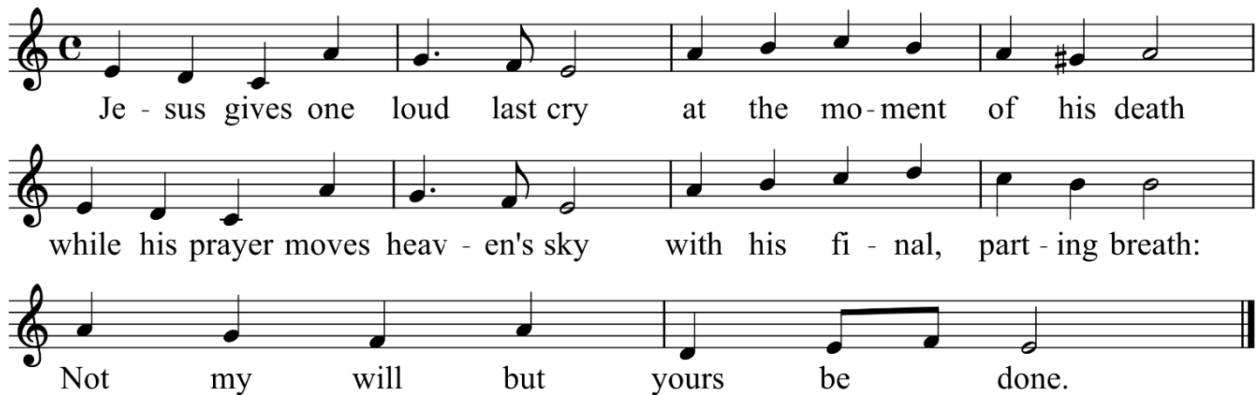
Silence

Reader: When they came to the place which is called The Skull, there they crucified Jesus; and with him they crucified two criminals, one on the right, and the other on the left, and Jesus was between them. And the scripture was fulfilled which says, "He was numbered with the transgressors."

It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And the sun was darkened, and the curtain of the temple was torn in the middle. Jesus cried out with a loud voice and said, “It is finished. Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” Then, bowing his head he handed over his spirit.

The station icon is processed to the tomb.

All sing



Officiant: Let us pray.

Silence

Officiant: Creator God, as your Son, an innocent man, hangs on the cross, we lament the abuse and death of Indigenous Peoples of Turtle Island at the hands of colonial powers. Remove the prejudice that continues to exist in peoples’ hearts. Heal the trauma that lives within Indigenous Peoples and their communities. Restore their languages, ways of life and relationship with the land so that liberation and joy may be the reality of future generations. **Amen.**

A candle at the tomb is extinguished.

Station 7: Jesus is laid in the tomb

Reader: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

People: **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Silence

Reader: When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. And Joseph took the body, and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock; and he rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb.

The station icon is processed to the tomb.

All sing

Qui - et is the hol - lowed cave. Peace and tears and grief de - scend.

Mourn - ers of - fer at the grave what they learned from Christ their friend:

Not my will but yours be done.

Officiant: Let us pray.

Silence

Officiant: O God, your blessed Son was laid in a tomb in a garden, and rested on the Sabbath Day. Grant that we who have been buried with him in the waters of baptism may find our perfect rest in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A candle at the tomb is extinguished.

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Closing Prayer

***All:* O God of peace, who has taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be our strength. By the might of your Spirit lift us up, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

All depart in silence.

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The Great Vigil



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Land Acknowledgement

During Holy Week, we will begin the liturgy in silence. Therefore, all are encouraged to offer this prayer, acknowledging the lands on which we dwell, before the service begins.

As we enter the story of Holy Week, we remember our relationship with our Indigenous neighbours. We acknowledge with respect that we gather today in many sacred places, places that were homes to those who have been displaced. We recognize that our church dwells on the traditional lands of the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee and the Anishinaabe Nations, including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Gracious One, as we walk with Jesus on his journey through betrayal and denial, open our eyes to the ways in which we have betrayed and denied Indigenous peoples, that, by way of the resurrection, we may be agents of restoration and renewal. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Presider: Steven Mackison

✠ Service of Light

*The catechumen, sponsor, members of the community, and the priests gather around the new fire.
The Presider blesses the fire and prepares the Paschal Candle to be lit from the fire.
The lit candle is carried into the Church, pausing inside the front door.
The congregation stands. The Sub-deacon sings:*

Sub-deacon: The light of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

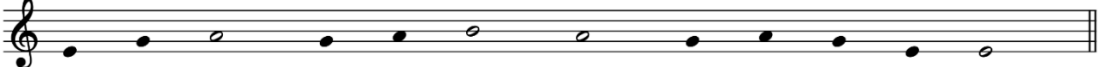
*The procession moves into the narthex and pauses at the second station.
They receive the light and then move up the centre aisle.
They pause at the third station and the congregation receives the light.
After the last station, the Candle is installed in its stand, while the choir sings:*

O Gladsome Light *(Walter MacNutt)*

Exultet

Sub-deacon: Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!
Exult, all creation around God’s throne!
Jesus Christ, our King, is risen! Sound the trumpet of salvation!

People:



Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

Sub-deacon: Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendour, radiant in the brightness of your King!
Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes forever!

People: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!**

Sub-deacon: Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory! The risen Saviour shines upon you!
Let this place resound with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God's people!

People: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!**

Sub-deacon: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Sub-deacon: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Sub-deacon: It is truly right that with full hearts and minds and voices we should praise the
unseen God, the all-powerful Father, and his only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.
For Christ has ransomed us with his blood, and paid for us the price of Adam's
sin to our eternal Father.

People: 
Al - le - lu - ia!

Sub-deacon: This is the Passover feast, when Christ, the true Lamb is slain, whose blood
consecrates the homes of all believers.

People: **Alleluia!**

Sub-deacon: This is the night when first you saved our forebears: you freed the people of
Israel from their slavery and led them dry-shod through the sea.

People: **Alleluia!**

Sub-deacon: This is the night when Christians everywhere, washed clean of sin and freed
from all defilement, are restored to grace and grow together in holiness.

People: **Alleluia!**

Sub-deacon: This is the night when Jesus Christ broke the chains of death and rose
triumphant from the grave.

People: **Alleluia!**

Sub-deacon: Father, how wonderful your care for us! How boundless your merciful love!
To ransom a slave, you gave away your Son.

People: **Alleluia!**

Sub-deacon: The power of this holy night dispels all evil, washes guilt away, restores lost innocence, brings mourners joy.

***People:* Alleluia!**

Sub-deacon: Night truly blessed when heaven is wedded to earth and we are reconciled with God!

***People:* Alleluia!**

Sub-deacon: Therefore Heavenly Father in the joy of this night, receive our evening sacrifice of praise, your church's solemn offering. Accept this Easter Candle, may it always dispel the darkness of this night.

***People:* Alleluia!**

Sub-deacon: May this Morning Star which never sets find this flame still burning: Christ, that Morning Star, who came back from the dead, and shed his peaceful light on all creation, your Son who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

***People:* Amen.**

After the Exultet, hand tapers are extinguished.

The Paschal Candle burns at all services from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost.

The Presider invites the community to hear the story of God's liberation. All are then seated.

✠ Vigil of Readings and Prayers

Priest: Dear friends in Christ, let us now listen attentively to the word of God, recalling how he saved his people throughout history and in the fullness of time, sent his own Son to be our Redeemer.

First Reading

Please be seated

Then the Lord said to Noah, 'Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you alone are righteous before me in this generation. Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and its mate; and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and its mate; and seven pairs of the birds of the air also, male and female, to keep their kind alive on the face of all the earth. For in seven days I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights; and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground.' And Noah did all that the Lord had commanded him.

In the six-hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. The rain fell on the earth for forty days and forty nights. On the very same day Noah with his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons, entered the ark, they and every wild animal of every kind, and all domestic animals of every kind, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every bird of every kind—every bird, every winged creature. They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the Lord shut him in.

The flood continued for forty days on the earth; and the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth; and the ark floated on the face of the waters.

At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more.

In the six hundred and first year, in the first month, on the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and saw that the face of the ground was drying. In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. Then God said to Noah, 'Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh—birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth—so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.' So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives.

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the

waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.’ God said, ‘This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

Genesis 7.1-5,11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13

Response: “Come see the rainbow” (arr. Doug Cowling)

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It begins with a key signature change from C major to B-flat major. The melody is simple and repetitive, using eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are arranged in three columns, corresponding to the three verses. The score includes repeat signs at the beginning and end of the piece. The lyrics are: 1. Come, see the rain - bow, sign of God's mer - cy, 2. Come, see the rain - bow, sign of God's just - ice, 3. Come, see the rain - bow, sign of God's glo - ry, God has giv - en us a pro - mise true; God will shel - ter us with might - y hand; God has pro - mised us e - ter - nal light; come, see the rain - bow, sign of God's mer - cy, come, see the rain - bow, sign of God's just - ice, come, see the rain - bow, sign of God's glo - ry, God has set it in the hea - vens blue: God has set its arch a - bove our land: God has set its col - ours glow - ing bright: Raise had in rainbow arch God's love is shin - ing in the sky, lift up your hands and your voice, Raise hand in rainbow arch God's love is shin - ing in the sky, lift up your heart and re - joice. 1. Come, see the 2. Come, see the 3. Come, see the

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A brief silence is observed

Collect

Please rise as you are able

Priest: Faithful God,
you have placed the rainbow in the skies
as the sign of your covenant with all living things.
May we who are saved through water and the Spirit,
worthily offer to you our sacrifice of thanksgiving.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Second Reading

Please be seated

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, ‘Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, “Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians”? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.’ But Moses said to the people, ‘Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.’

Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.’

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh’s horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and

cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, ‘Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.’

Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.’ So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.


Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron’s sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: ‘Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.’

Exodus 14.10-31; 15.20-21


Song of Miriam and Moses

Refrain
Cantor:




I will sing, I will sing to the God who sets me free!

All:




I will sing, I will sing to the God who sets me free!

Cantor:



Phar-oah's ar - my and his char - i - ots God cast in - to the sea!

All:



Phar-oah's ar - my and his char - i - ots God cast in - to the sea.

Text: Exodus 15; Scott Soper. Music: Scott Soper © 1997, GIA Publications, Inc.

A brief silence is observed.

Collect

Please rise as you are able

Priest: O God,
you led your ancient people
in a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night.
Grant that we who serve you now on earth,
may come to the joy of that heavenly Jerusalem,
where you wipe away all tears,
and where your saints for ever sing your praise.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Third Reading

Please be seated

Hear the commandments of life, O Israel; give ear, and learn wisdom! Why is it, O Israel, why is it that you are in the land of your enemies, that you are growing old in a foreign country, that you are defiled with the dead, that you are counted among those in Hades? You have forsaken the fountain of wisdom. If you had walked in the way of God, you would be living in peace for ever. Learn where there is wisdom, where there is strength, where there is understanding, so that you may at the same time discern where there is length of days, and life, where there is light for the eyes, and peace. Who has found her place? And who has entered her storehouses?

But the one who knows all things knows her, he found her by his understanding. The one who prepared the earth for all time filled it with four-footed creatures; the one who sends forth the light, and it goes; he called it, and it obeyed him, trembling; the stars shone in their watches, and were glad; he called them, and they said, 'Here we are!' They shone with gladness for him who made them. This is our God; no other can be compared to him. He found the whole way to knowledge, and gave her to his servant Jacob and to Israel, whom he loved. Afterwards she appeared on earth and lived with humankind. She is the book of the commandments of God, the law that endures for ever. All who hold her fast will live, and those who forsake her will die. Turn, O Jacob, and take her; walk towards the shining of her light. Do not give your glory to another, or your advantages to an alien people. Happy are we, O Israel, for we know what is pleasing to God.

Baruch 3:9-15, 3:32-44

Song: "This Tough Spun Web" (Carolyn McDade)

Please rise as you are able and sing



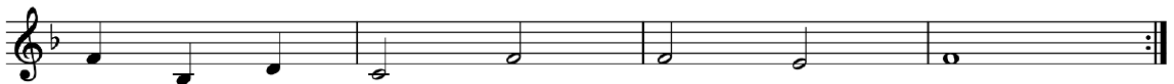
1. We are the for - est of ten thou - sand seeds____
We are the wa - ters each small drop of rain____
2. We are the wind filled song that sounds of joy____
We are the sun fired passion - ate love of life____
3. Our heal - ing love, our hands reach out and touch____
Hold true this tough spun web as hard times come____



1. in shades of green that hold the sun.____
life - spawn - ing ponds and stream filled sea.____
2. and cries from dun - geons cast a - way.____
the burn - ing heart with in the soul.____
3. the cher - ished bo - dy, quiv - ering mind.____
and much be lost or taken a - way.____



1. With min - gled roots, our limbs to - ge - ther lean.____
We run the blood that flows in liv - ing veins____
2. The deep sung dreams of those who la - bour on____
We are the love that grows re - sist - ing chains____
3. Our lives like grass, like bread, like fal - ling rain____
We strug - gle not for things that best be gone____



1. We are the ma - ny and the one.
to live and die that all be free.
2. to shape a just and car - ing way.
to free the bound and make us whole.
3. the or - di - na - ry, our sub - lime.
in - te - gri - ty re - webs our way.

Refrain on next page

Refrain

This cir - cle o - pening moves with deep - end faith

Our lives to birth a liv - ing dawn

as love re - newed turns in our com - mon way

cre - a - ting hope we car - ry on.

A brief silence is observed.

Collect

Please rise as you are able

Priest: Creator of the universe, Source of all light,
 teach us to hold fast to the ways of wisdom,
 that we may live for ever in the radiance of your glory.
 This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

People: **Amen.**

Fourth Reading

Please be seated

I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Ezekiel 36:24-28

Song: “Living Water” (*Miriam T. Winter*)

Liv - ing Wa - ter, like a riv - er, like a foun - tain, like the sea.

Liv - ing Wa - ter, like a riv - er, ev - er ris - ing, rise in me.

All who thirst for Liv - ing Wa - ter, turn to You, Un - fail - ing Spring.

Wash our wounds and cleanse our spi - rits,

Source of Life for ev - 'ry - thing.

Used with permission.

A brief silence is observed.

Collect

Please rise as you are able

Priest: Almighty and everlasting God,
in the paschal mystery you established
the new covenant of reconciliation.
Grant that all who are born again in baptism
may show forth in their lives
what they profess by their faith.
Grant this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All: **Amen.**

✠ Holy Baptism

Please be seated

Presentation of the Candidate

The candidate and her sponsor come forward. The priest addresses the people, saying,

Priest: The candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsor: I present Syndey to receive the sacrament of baptism.

The priest asks the candidate when presented,

Priest: Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate: I do.

The Priest then asks the following questions of the candidate:

Priest: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidate: I do.

Priest: Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidate: I do.

Priest: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Candidate: I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Saviour and Lord.

The congregation rises. The priest addresses the people, saying,

Priest: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power
to support Syndey in her life in Christ?

***People:* We will.**

Prayers for the Candidate

Prayers are offered for the candidate

Priest: Let us pray for Syndey who is committing herself to Christ.

Leader: That she may be redeemed from all evil
and rescued from the way of sin and death;
in your mercy,

***People:* Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: That the Holy Spirit may open her heart to your grace and truth;
in your mercy,

***People:* Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: That she may be kept in the faith and communion of your holy Church;
in your mercy,

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: That she may be sent into the world in witness to your love;
in your mercy,

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: That she may be brought to the fullness of your peace and glory;
in your mercy,

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Priest: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend Syndey for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

Water is poured into the font.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Priest: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise.

In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we celebrate our fellowship in him in faith. Now sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that all who have passed through the waters of baptism may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

The Baptismal Covenant

Priest: Let us join with Syndey who is committing herself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Priest: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Priest: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Priest: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: **I believe in God the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Priest: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Priest: Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Priest: Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Priest: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Priest: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,
and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Priest: Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation,
and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

The congregation is seated.

The Baptism

The priest pours water upon the candidate, saying,

Priest: Syndey, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

The priest anoints the candidate upon the forehead, making the sign of the cross, saying,

Priest: I sign you with the cross, and mark you as Christ's own for ever.

The Giving of Light

A lighted candle is given as the priest says,

Priest: Receive the light of Christ,
to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

People: **Let your light so shine before others
That they may see your good works
And glorify your Father in heaven.**

Priest: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People: **We receive you into the household of God.
Confess the faith of Christ crucified,
proclaim his resurrection,
and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

The Asperges

Please rise as you are able

The priest sprinkles the congregation with water

All sing



Tryin' to get read - - y, tryin' to get read - - y,
tryin' to get read - y, Lord, Ready to try on my long, white robe,
Read - y to try on my long, white robe.

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Priest: Almighty and everliving God,
let your fatherly hand ever be over Syndey;
let your Holy Spirit ever be with her;
and so lead her in the knowledge and obedience of your word,
that she may serve you in this life,
and dwell with you in the life to come;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All remain standing for the Proclamation of Easter.

✠ The Easter Proclamation

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
All: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*A fanfare sounds. Everyone, ring your bells, shake your shakers, or beat your pots and pans.
In short, make lots of noise! Then all sing the Gloria.*

The Gloria: #366 (Common Praise)

All sing



1. Glo - ry in the high - est glo - ry,
 2. Je - sus Christ, the world's Re - deem - er,
 peace to all, in all their days.
 Lamb of God, for sin - ners given.
 Wor - ship, thanks, and praise un - ceas - ing
 Word e - ter - nal, born of Ma - ry,
 to the Source of all we raise:
 Word made flesh, the face of heaven:
 reign - ing in the sap - phire height,
 ho - ly one, to you we pray,
 hid - den from our mor - tal sight,
 hear us in the realms of day,
 now re - ceive our a - dor - a - tion,
 with the Spir - it there u - nit - ed,
 as we make our sup - pli - ca - tion.
 and the God - head high ex - alt - ed.

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The Collect of the Day

Priest: Eternal Giver of life and light,
this holy night shines
with the radiance of the risen Christ.
Renew your Church
with the Spirit given to us in baptism,
that we may worship you in sincerity and truth,
and shine as a light in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

The Epistle

Please be seated

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

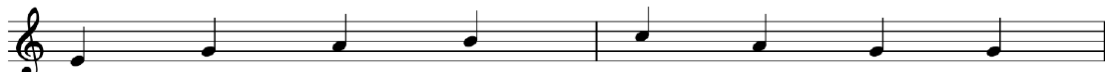
Reader: The word of the Lord.

Romans 6.3-11

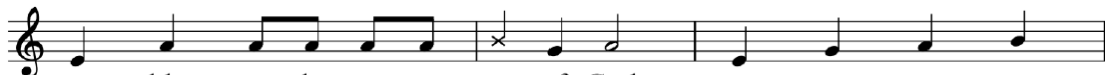
All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

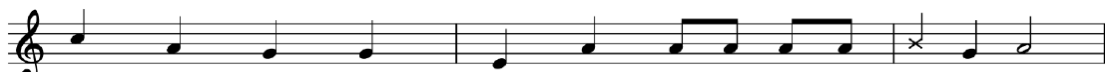
Gradual Hymn: #227 (Common Praise) "Israel Went Out" *Please rise as you are able & sing*



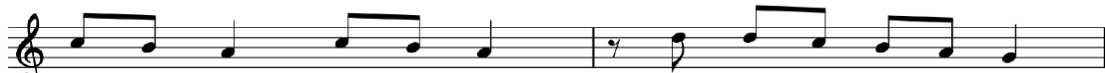
1. Is - ra - el went out from E - gypt,
 2. Moun - tains skipped just like scared rams, so
 3. Trem - ble, O you earth and sky, yes,



trem - ble at the pres-ence of God; sanc - tu - ar - y
 trem - ble at the pres-ence of God. Hills were bound - ing
 trem - ble at the pres-ence of God. God is strong, how



found in Ju - dah, trem - ble at the pres-ence of God.
 like young lambs, yes, trem - ble at the pres-ence of God.
 great and high, so trem - ble at the pres-ence of God,



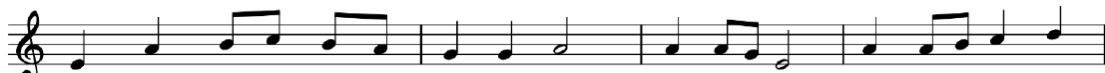
Great seas saw them come and ran a - way in fright,
 Tell us, great roar - ing sea, why do you run a - way?
 who has brought cool - ing rains when days grew hot - ter,



trem - ble at the pres - ence of God.
 Trem - ble at the pres - ence of God.
 trem - ble at the pres - ence of God.



Ho - ly Jor - dan turned her wa - ters back at the sight,
 Ho - ly moun-tains strong and bold, why must you shake that way?
 Sto - ny hills are burst - ing forth with cool - ing wa - ter,



trem - ble at the com-ing of the Lord. Al - le-lu-ia, al - le-lu-ia! Sing
 Trem - ble at the com-ing of the Lord.
 trem - ble at the com-ing of the Lord.



al - le - lu - ia! Sing al - le - lu - ia.

x = stomp and clap

The Gospel

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, ‘Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.’ Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

Luke 24:1-12

People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily: Paige Souter

Please be seated

A moment of silence is observed.

The Peace

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**



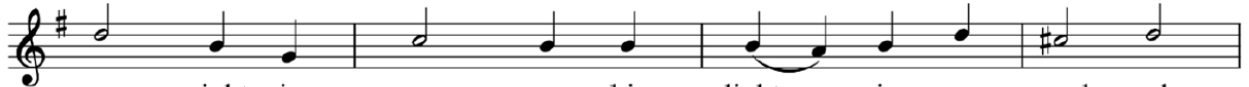
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Offertory Hymn: #204 (Common Praise) “Truly, He Comes to Us”

All sing



1. Truly, he comes to us: dark - ness is end - ed;
 2. Night has made way for the great pro - cla - ma - tion;
 3. Stripped of the grave - clothes, the bo - dy now glor - ous
 4. Weep - ing is ov - er, and death is de - feat - ed;
 5. High - est, most ho - ly, once lost and for - sa - ken:
 6. Give God the glo - ry and glad a - dor - a - tion,



now night is ov - er, his light is as - cend - ed:
 morn - ing has bro - ken, with songs of e - la - tion.
 ris - en im - mor - tal, for - ev - er vic - to - rious;
 life is re - cov - ered and joy is com - plet - ed.
 now, from the sleep of the dead you a - wa - ken;
 from whom and through whom and in whom, cre - a - tion



ul - ti - mate sun - rise, that floods all cre - a - tion,
 Christ comes in light from the depths of his pris - on,
 comes to ful - fill all the pro - phets have spo - ken;
 Guards, at the sep - ul - chre scat - ter be - fore him;
 an - gels ap - pear at the tomb with the sto - ry:
 looks for the joy which, in Christ, we in - her - it:



bring - ing his se - cret from death's des - o - la - tion.
 death is a - ban - doned, and Je - sus is ris - en.
 pro - mise of life that will nev - er be bro - ken.
 Je - sus is ris - en, and an - gels a - dore him.
 "He is not here, but is ris - en in glo - ry."
 prais - ing the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Spir - it!

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✠ The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: God of life and health,
accept the offering of your holy people,
and grant that we who are baptized into Christ
may be perfected in your salvation,
in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

People: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. **And al-so with you.**



Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Priest: Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
we give you thanks and praise
for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
for he is the true paschal lamb
who has taken away the sin of the world.
By his death he destroyed death,
and by his rising to life again
he has won for us eternal life.
Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven,
we sing our joyful hymn of praise
to proclaim the glory of your name:

Sanctus: #732 (Common Praise)

All sing

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high-est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Priest: We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your People; in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.
For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In him, you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to stand before you.
In him, you have brought us out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.
On the night he was handed over to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
and said,

"Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said,
"Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."
Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All: **we remember his death;
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Priest: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving
to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.
We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ
and his blood of the new covenant.
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your children;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Priest:

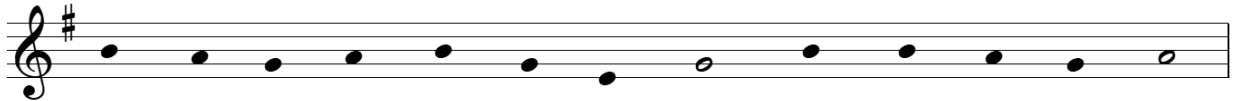
People:



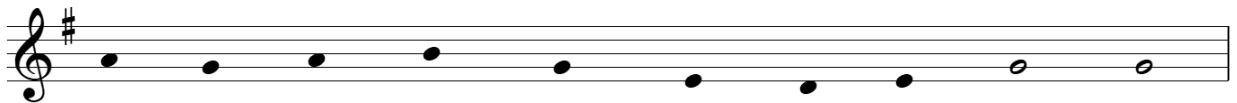
As our Sa-viour taught us let us pray. Our Fa-ther in heav-en hal-lowed be your name,



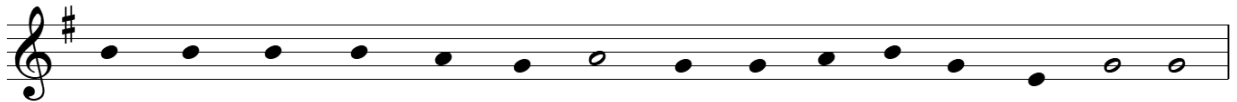
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.



Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins



as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



Save us from the time of trial and de - liv - er us from e - vil.



For the king-dom, the pow-er, and the glo-ry are yours, now and for ev-er. A - men.

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The Breaking of the Bread

Priest: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

People: Now we are raised to new life.

Priest: We were buried in your tomb.

People: Now we share in your resurrection.

Priest: Live in us,

People: that we may live in you.

Priest: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Fraction Anthem: “Alleluia” *(Stephanie Martin)*

The Giving and Receiving of Communion

Priest: Dear friends,
I invite you in this moment, wherever you may be,
to receive Christ, in communion with the saints,
and the gathering of God’s people,
unseen and yet present with us now.

*For those of us participating at home,
it is a strange experience to be invited to Communion
– not through the physical bread and wine we can touch and taste –
but a Spiritual Communion with the God who comes to meet us wherever we are.*

*There are no special words or prayers for this,
all the Church has ever thought necessary
is genuine true desire, lively faith, and genuine love.
Come honestly before God the way you know how.
You may wish to pray quietly this prayer to help you:*

One: Lord, you stand at the door of my heart and knock.
You wait for me and only I can let you in.
I believe and trust in you and ask you now to fill me with your presence.
Feed me with your body and unite me in your blood,
that I may be your blessing to a world in need. Amen.

The Communion



*All in the church are invited to come forward to receive communion.
If you need a gluten-free wafer, please indicate this to the communion minister.*

*If you would like to receive a blessing rather than communion, please cross
your arms as shown in the picture and the clergy will be pleased to offer you a blessing.*

*Intinction is the practice of dipping the bread or wafer into the wine when receiving communion.
This practice is not allowed in churches in the Diocese of Toronto,
including the Church of the Redeemer, for health and safety reasons.*

Communion Hymn: #222 (Common Praise) “All Shall Be Well”

All sing



1. All shall be well! For on our Eas - ter skies see
2. All shall be well! The sac - ri - fice is made, the
3. All shall be well! The cross and pas - sion past, dark
4. All shall be well! Lift ev - ery voice on high; "Death
5. Je - sus a - live! Re - joice and sing a - gain; all



Christ the sun of right - eous - ness a - rise.
sin - ner freed, the price of par - don paid.
night is done, bright morn - ing come at last.
has no more do - min - ion, but shall die."
shall be well for ev - er - more, A - men!

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Motet: Let their celestial concerts all unite (G.F. Handel)

Let their celestial concerts all unite.
Ever to sound his praise in endless morn of light.

Prayer after Communion

Please rise as you are able

Priest: Giver of all,
we are nourished with your Easter sacraments.
Fill us with the Spirit of love, and unite us in faith,
that we may be witnesses to the resurrection
and show your glory to all the world,
in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

All: Amen.

The Doxology

Priest: Glory to God,
All: whose power working in us can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.

Departing Hymn: #435 (Gather) “Sing to the Mountains”

All sing

Refrain

Sing to the moun-tains, sing to the sea. Raise your
 voice - es, lift your hearts. This is the day our
 God has made. Let all the earth re - joice.

1. I will give thanks to you, my God. You have an-swered my
 plea. You have saved my soul from death.

D.C.
 You are my strength and my song.

2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God,
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

D.C.
 3. This is the day that our God has made.

Let us be glad and re - joice. Now all death has turned to life.

D.C.
 Sing of the glo - ry of God.

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The Dismissal

Priest: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

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Easter Flowers

The flowers in the chancel and throughout the church are placed to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Joan Bodger and Phillip Stanbury by Gloria Jean Bubba; of Terry Finlay by AJ Finlay; of Bob and Marion Cruikshank and Samuel and Sadie Clark by Stewart Cruikshank and Maureen Clark; of Barb Sinclair and Gordon Hachborn by Pamela Thomson; of Joan Slaman by Louise Fast; and Mary Milford by her family; and placed to the Glory of God and with thanksgiving by members of our community who gather for worship on Zoom including Murray Bryant, Heather Bennett, Carolynn Bett, Laura Boast, Christina Chang and Henry Krol, Deb Hinton, Sylvia Keesmaat, and Abigail Young and Catherine Emerson; and to the Glory of God and with gratitude by other unnamed donors.

The Newly Baptized

This evening it was our joy to welcome Syndey Walker (Sponsor Judy Burnham), received by baptism into the Church.